

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Heiko Urtel et al.

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Art Unit: 1793

For: HYDROGENATION METHOD FOR  
PRODUCING OPTICALLY ACTIVE  
ALCOHOLS OR CARBOXYLIC ACIDS

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Examiner: C. B. Nguyen

**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated April 2, 2009, finally rejecting claims 1-5 and 7-21, and in consideration of the enclosed Petition for a three-month Extension of Time, reconsideration of the application and prompt allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested in light of the following remarks:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Enclosures** include a Petition for Extension of Time, a certified English-language translation of the priority document, two non-patent documents, and a Notice of Appeal.